MR. T. P. RAMA SUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government will consider it.

Admission of Travancorean students to the Engineering College, Madras.

346. **MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence, if any, they have with the Government of Madras in regard to the payment of contribution to the Engineering College, Madras, in consideration of the training given to Travancorean students in that College?

(2) Will they be pleased to state:

(*a*) what was the opinion of the then Chief Engineer on the above subject; and

(*b*) the final reply given by the Travancore Government to the Government of Madras, on the subject of admission of Travancorean students into the Engineering College, Madras and of payment of the contribution?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) The Government do not propose to publish the correspondence.

(2) (*a*) The Chief Engineer recommended that negotiations might be conducted with the Madras Government for the reservation of 4 or 5 seats in the Engineering Class and an equal number in the Upper Subordinate Class in the Engineering College, offering to pay an annual contribution to the Madras Government, if necessary, towards the expenses of the working of the College.

(*b*) The Madras Government intimated their inability to reserve seats under any conditions, and this Government could only write back to say that Government hoped that the claims of Travancorean students for admission to the College would receive generous consideration at the hands of the Madras Government.

Travancoreans and the Engineering College, Madras.

347. **MR. K. PADMANABHA PANIKKAR** (*Ambalapuzha*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have done anything to secure admission for deserving Travancorean students into any Engineering College anywhere?

(2) Will they be pleased to lay on the table the correspondence, if there be any, with the Madras Government as regards any contribution to be paid to that Government on behalf of the Engineering College, Madras?

(3) Will they be pleased to state the recommendations of the Chief Engineer in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes; negotiations were conducted with the Madras Government, without success, for the reservation of four seats in the Engineering Class and four seats in the Upper Subordinate Class of the Engineering College, Madras, for Travancorean students. Thereupon, the Government have

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asked the Director of Public Instruction to ascertain and report whether, and, if so, on what conditions, seats could be reserved in the Engineering College attached to the Benares Hindu University.

(2) The Government do not propose to publish the correspondence.

(3) The member is referred to the answer to part 2 (*a*) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras.

348. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Karthikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the difficulties experienced by Travancorean students in getting admission to the Medical and Engineering Colleges, Madras;

(*b*) whether they have considered the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee regarding the same; and

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on the same?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Government are aware that there is difficulty in getting admission to the Engineering College, and, in a lesser degree, to the Medical College.

(*b*) and (*c*) The Government had already taken action on the lines of the recommendations contained in paragraph 96 of the Report of the Unemployment Committee, with the result indicated in the answer to part 2 (*b*) of interpellation No. 346 by Mr. K. C. Karunakaran.

The Agricultural College, Coimbatore and the Engineering and Medical Colleges, Madras.

349. **MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have taken steps to secure a certain number of seats reserved yearly for the Travancorean students in the Engineering and Medical Colleges at Madras and in the Agricultural College at Coimbatore?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As regards the reservation of seats in the Engineering College, the member is referred to the answer to part (1) of interpellation No. 347 by Mr. K. Padmanabha Panikkar. As regards the Medical College at Madras, the Government understand that there is not so much difficulty in securing admission. The Government have not so far heard any complaints about the difficulty of getting admission to the Agricultural College at Coimbatore.

MR. R. KESAVA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Are the Government aware that not more than one or two students obtain admission in the College every year?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I believe more than one or two students get admission there. That is my personal information.

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